

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by Chairman Chris Mayer with the following committee members present: Jim Behling, Charles Hayes, Gary Peske and Linda Thorpe. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Ed Bluthardt, Jason Hilger, Janna Kahl, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve July 10, 2013 meeting minutes:

Motion by L. Thorpe, 2nd by J. Behling to approve the July 10, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Travel permission requests:

Nothing presented.

Department reports:

Nothing presented

Finance Committee amendment to Standing Rules– resolution to County Board:

J. Hilger presented reasons behind the proposed Standing Rules changes. C. Mayer spoke in favor of the revisions. The committee discussed the subject **Motion by C. Hayes, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the Finance Committee Standing Rules changes and the accompanying resolution, and to send it on to the County Board for their consideration. All voted aye. Carried.**

Education, Public Relations & Economic Development Committee – resolution to County Board:

As instructed at the prior meeting, the Clerk presented a resolution calling for the consolidation of the UW Extension Committee, Tourism & Publicity Committee and the Economic Development Committee into an Education, Public Relations & Economic Development Committee. The committee discussed the resolution but declined to take any action.

Committee restructuring:

The committee discussed the recent failure of two committee restructuring resolutions. J. Behling felt that restructuring and consolidation strategies needed to be changed. He recommends going forward with a comprehensive committee restructuring model, versus the piecemeal approach previously employed. He cited comments made by supervisors at two prior county board meetings, in which statements were made that were negative towards the piecemeal approach. G. Peske agreed that an entire restructuring package now needed to be considered. The Clerk presented a proposed restructuring model, resulting in

nine county board committees. The committee discussed the proposal. E. Bluthardt was concerned that the restructuring proposal lacked the required Standing Rule changes. The Clerk noted that the proposal was conceptual in nature and simply linked county departments to one of the nine proposed committees. E. Bluthardt and K. Anderson each spoke in favor of retaining a County – Tribal Concerns Committee. G. Peske is concerned about future committee appointments; he would like to equitable committee assignments. J. Behling pointed out that committee assignments were within the purview of the county board chair. C. Hayes wants assurance that committee restructuring will not impact services as currently provided to county residents. C. Mayer stated that committee restructuring posed no threat to how services are provided. J. Hilger pointed out expected financial and operating efficiencies resulting from fewer committees. G. Peske spoke in favor of assigning the Juvenile Intake Dept. to the Human Services Committee. **By consensus, the committee determined to assign the Juvenile Intake Dept. to the Human Services Committee; the Coroner to the Public Safety Committee and the Surveyor to Zoning, Planning & Mapping Committee.** The committee discussed the need to move ahead with a resolution approving the nine committee model. J. Behling suggested going forward without changes to pertinent Standing Rules, to allow the restructured committees the ability to determine their Standing Rules for themselves. The committee discussed that approach. The effective date of the proposed restructuring was discussed. C. Hayes recommended listing the April, 2014 County Board reorganizational meeting as the effective date. **Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by L. Thorpe to instruct the Clerk to prepare a resolution authorizing the restructuring of county board committees to the nine committee model as discussed and revised, including an April 2014 effective date and pertinent Standing Rules and to bring that resolution to the next committee meeting for consideration. All voted aye. Carried.**

County Supervisors – compensation:

A letter to the committee from Supervisor Sitzberger, recommending an increase in county supervisor compensation was discussed. Supervisor Sitzberger proposed an increase in per diem or establishment of a county board member salary. This was discussed. The issue was forwarded to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented

Future meeting date:

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk.